

➡ high reactive energy carrier require safe storage



# High Density Hydrogen Storage in Metal Hydride Composites with Air Cooling

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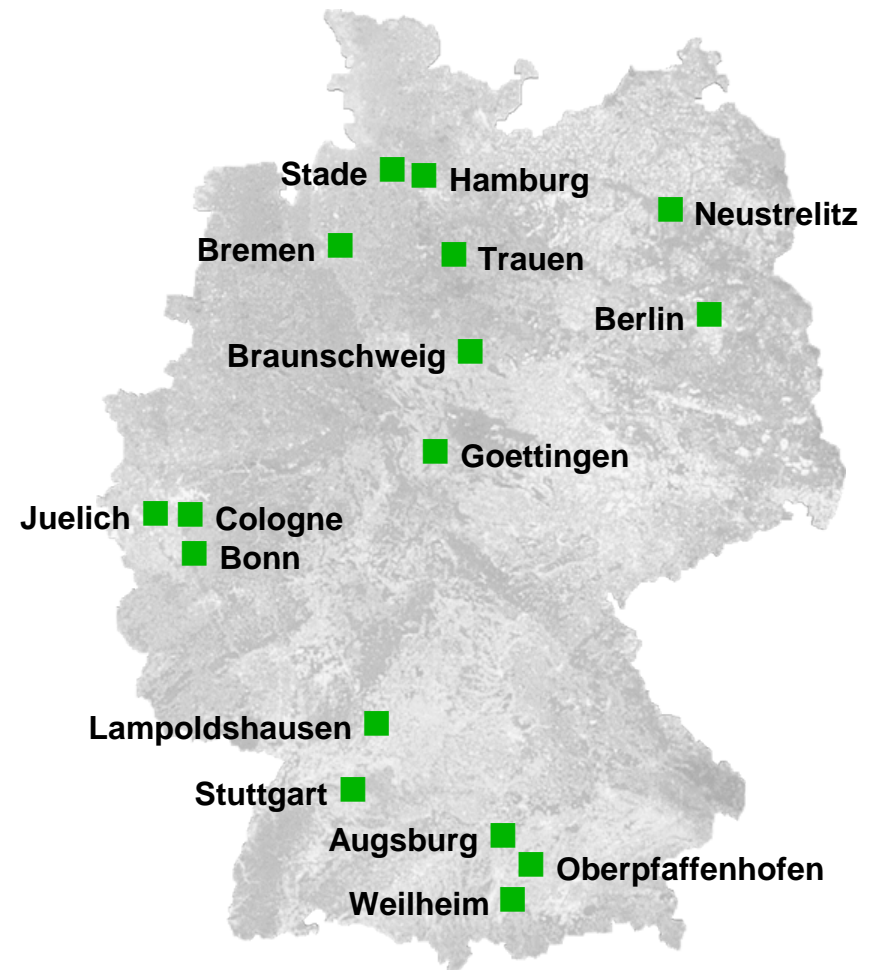
- Aeronautics
  - Space Research and Technology
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- Space Administration
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# Locations and employees

7400 employees across  
32 institutes and facilities at  
■ 16 sites.

Offices in Brussels,  
Paris, Tokyo and Washington.





# Institute of Engineering Thermodynamics

## Thermal Process Technology

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### Thermal Energy Storage

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### Thermal Power Plant Components

*Dr. Stefan Zunft*



### Thermochemical Systems

*Dr. Marc Linder*



### Alternative Fuels

*Dr. Uwe Dietrich*



Concrete Storage  
„Cell Flux“-Concept  
Salt Storage  
Latent Heat Storage

Regenerator Storages  
High Temperature  
Heat Exchangers

Thermochemical  
Storage  
Heat Transformation  
H<sub>2</sub>-Storage

Liquid Hydrocarbon  
Fuels  
H<sub>2</sub>-Generation and  
Gas Cleaning

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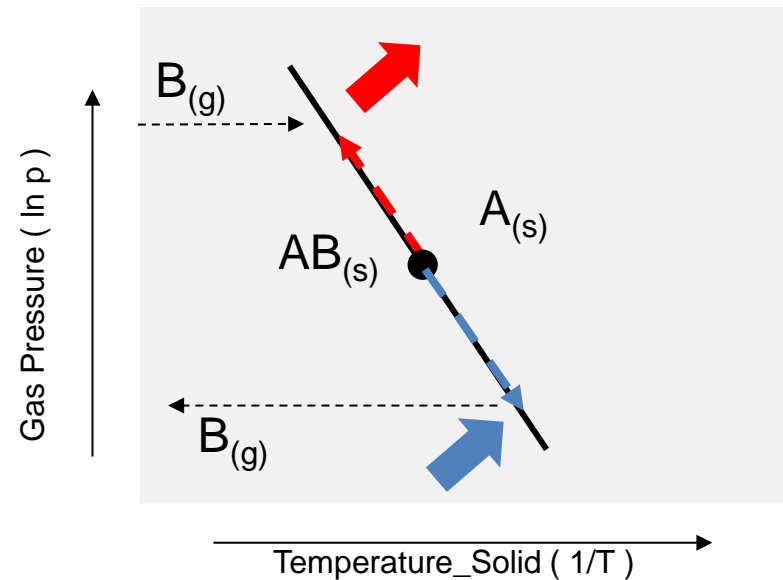
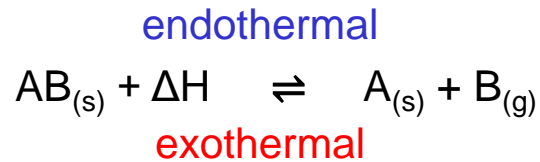
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# Thermochemical Systems

## Reaction Principle

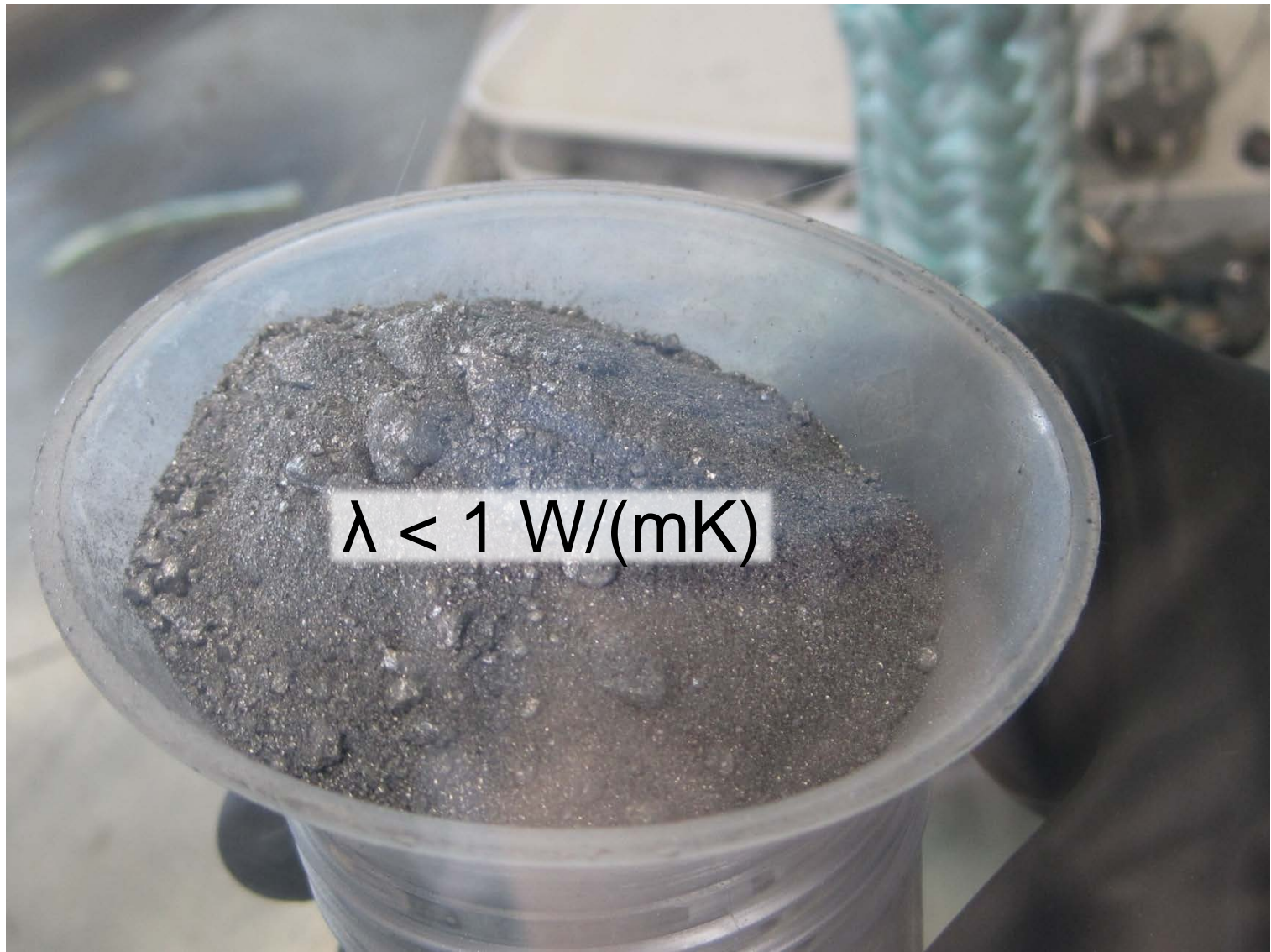


**Heat released during absorption (charging)**

**Heat required during desorption (discharging)**







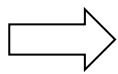
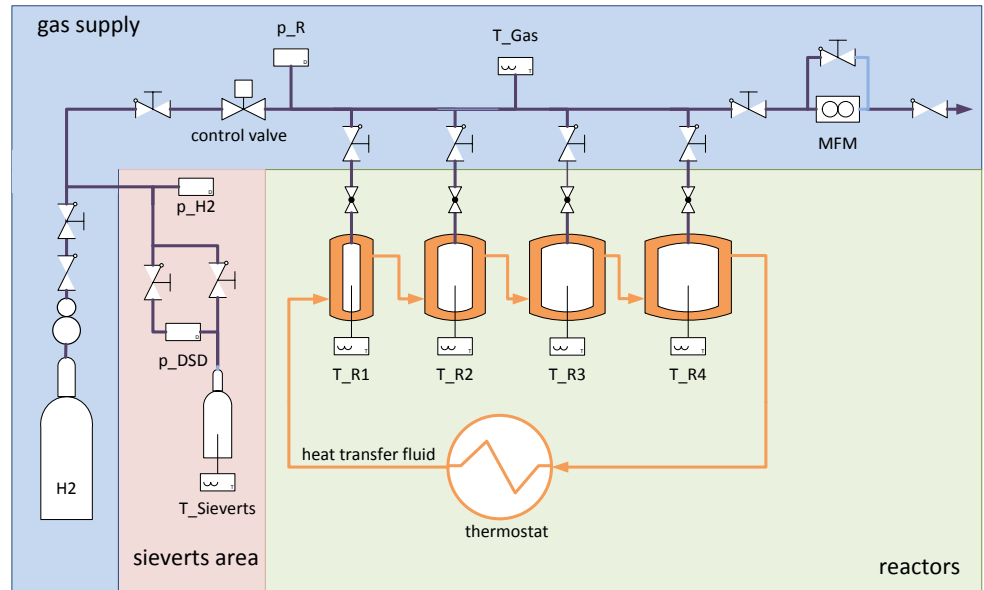


# Metal Hydride-Graphite Composites



thermal conductivity in  
two-digit range

## test rig for cycling stability investigation



composites show stability of structure and hydrogen performance  
for 1000 cycles (paper in review process)



# High Density Hydrogen Storage

fluctuating renewable energy sources



storage in form of hydrogen:

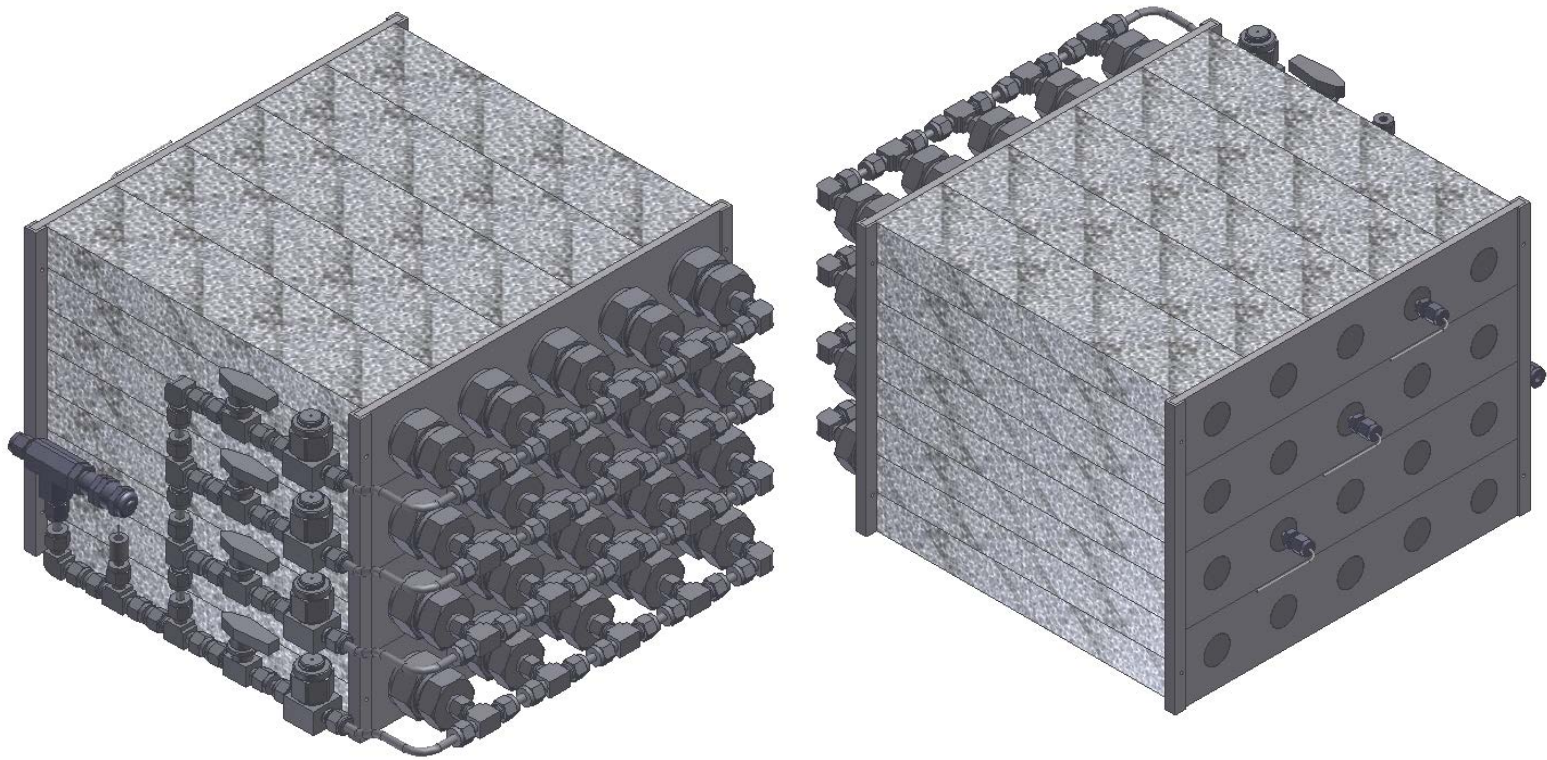


- high volumetric storage density
- safe: low pressure  
moderate temperature
- low-maintenance
- simple construction

[Acta S.p.A., "Electrolysör Datenblatt EL250-500-1000"]



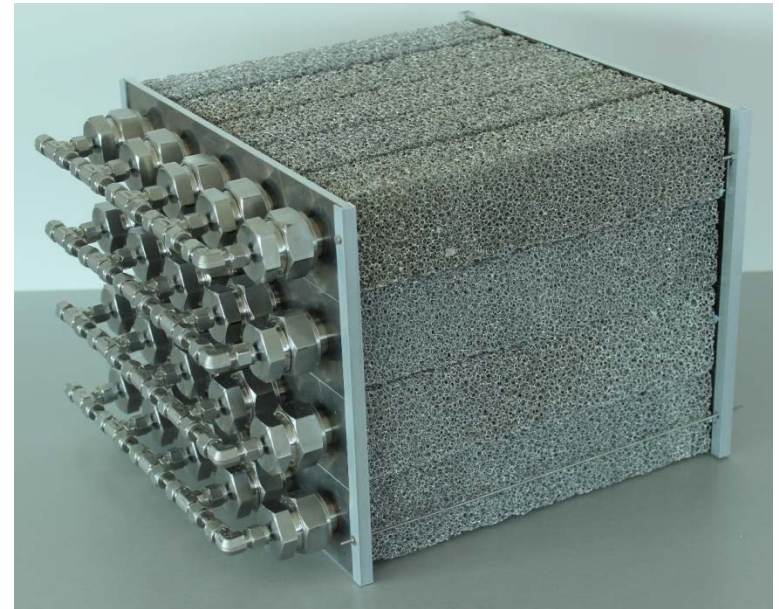
# High Density Hydrogen Storage



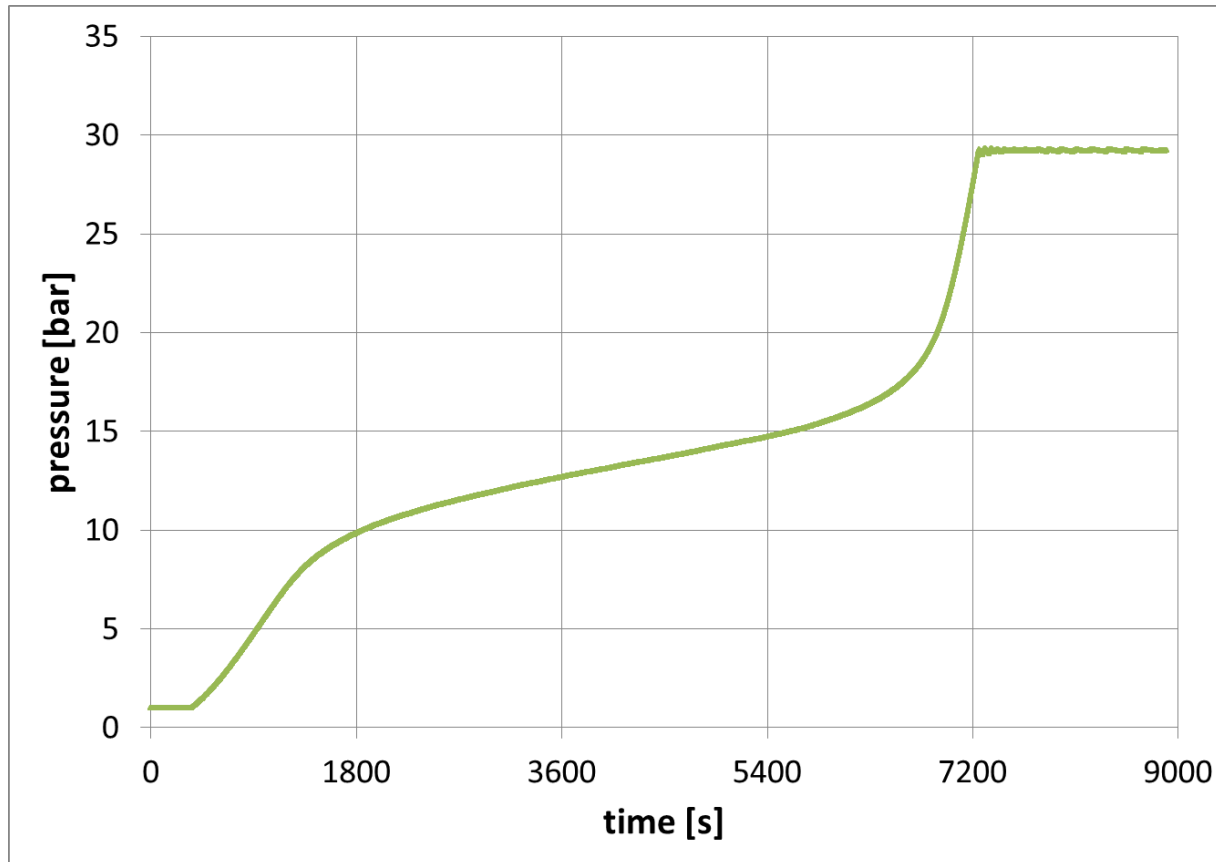


# High Density Hydrogen Storage

- composite diameter: 21mm
- ventilator cooling ( $1.7 W_{el}$ )
- charging with **electrolysis at 30bar**
- discharging with mass flow to  
**feed FC with  $P_{el} = 0.6 \text{ kW}$  for 100min**  
→ upscalable



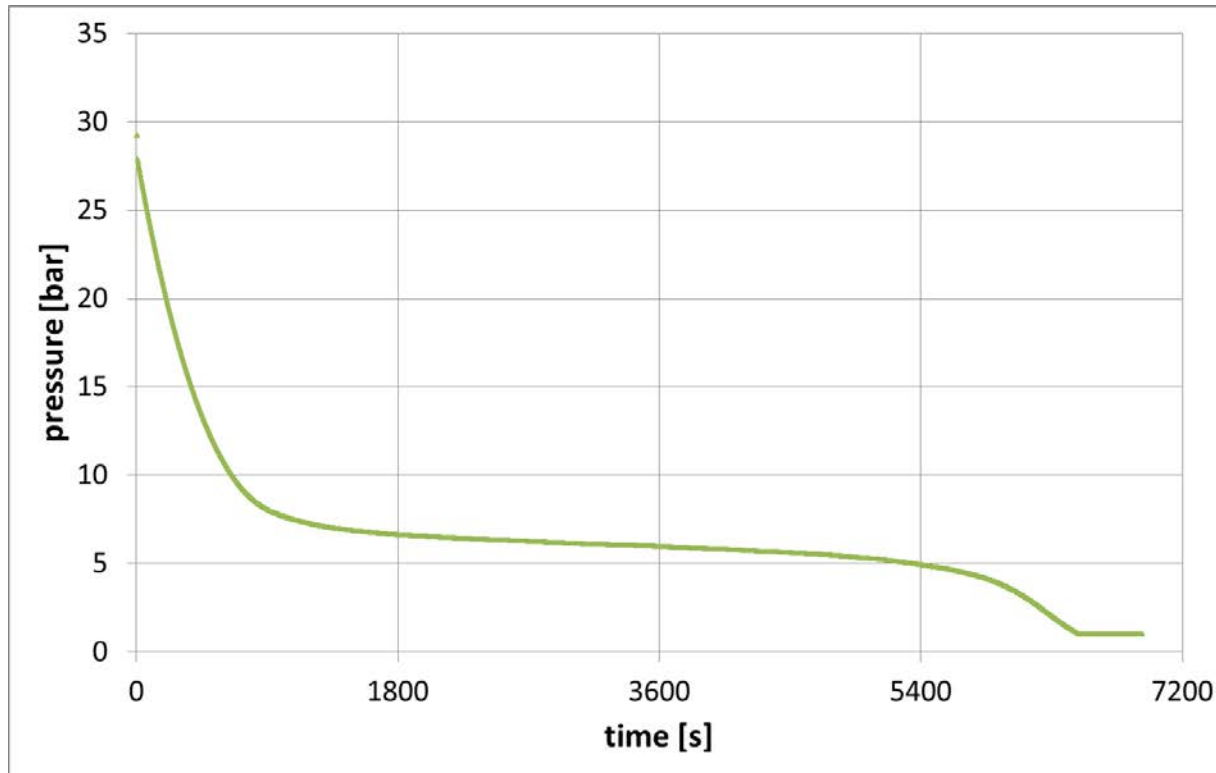
# First Measurement Results – Absorption



⇒ fully charged in 2h below 30 bar



# First Measurement Results – Desorption



⇒ provides hydrogen for FC for more than 100min

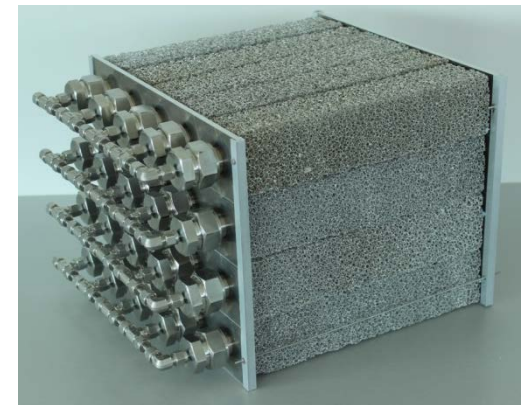
➡ **Storage meets requirements**





# Summary

- H<sub>2</sub>-storage in metal hydrides
- long-term cycle stable composites with high thermal conductivity
- Development of simple and safe storage for domestic application
- High diameter (21mm) with only ventilator cooling
- Chargeable below 30bar (electrolysis)
- Dischargeable to run FC with 0.6 kW for 100min  
(power and time are upscalable)



# Thank you!

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